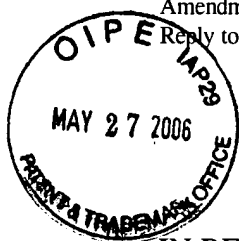


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TO: Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 28, 2005**

Applicants hereby respond to the office action dated November 28, 2005. This Response is being timely filed along with a petition for extension of time and the required fee. In order that the Examiner has adequate opportunity to consider the amendments and arguments presented in this Response, Applicants have filed a Notice of Appeal along with the required fee to preserve

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the pendency of this application.

### **AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.